

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Office of the Governor

*** CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH ***

WHEREAS, child safety is of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2013, the Arizona Statewide Child Abuse Hotline received over 44,000 reports involving the alleged maltreatment of more than 79,000 children; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is an important societal concern that may affect the long-term health and well-being of not only the children, but also the adults they become; and

WHEREAS, safe, stable and nurturing relationships and communities can break the cycle of abuse and maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention requires a coordinated and comprehensive response by all systems touching children, youth and families (e.g., schools, law enforcement, health systems, faith-based organizations, and community programs); and

WHEREAS, everyone has a stake in ensuring that children have access to the resources and supports they need to be safe, healthy and successful; and

WHEREAS, suspected child abuse or neglect must immediately be reported to Arizona's Statewide Child Abuse Hotline or law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, I have identified child safety and family services to be a priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as

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and, I further call upon the citizens of Arizona to participate in efforts to protect children, strengthen families, and prevent child abuse and neglect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona



Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this nineteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-eighth.

ATTEST:

Ken Blum

Secretary of State